

**National Interagency Coordination Center  
Incident Management Situation Report  
Friday, April 27, 2007 - 1000 MDT  
National Preparedness Level 1**

**National Fire Activity**

Initial attack activity:	140 (Light)
New large fires:	3 (*)
Large fires contained:	1
Uncontained large fires:	9
Area Command Teams committed:	
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3
Fire Use Teams committed:	

\*\* Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. \*\*

**Southern Area (PL 3)**

New fires:	53
New large fires:	2
Uncontained large fires:	8
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	3

**Sweat Farm Road**, Georgia Forestry Commission. IMT 2 (Floyd) and NIMO (Ferguson). Started on private land 10 miles southeast of Waycross, GA. Southern rough and timber. High rates of spread and spotting. School closures and evacuations remain in place.

**Pinnacle**, National Forests in North Carolina. IMT 2 (Raley). Fifteen miles east of North Cove, NC. Hardwood litter and timber. Extreme fire activity. Burning in wilderness area.

**Big Turnaround Complex**, Okefenokee NWR. IMT 2 (Wilder). Ten miles southeast of Waycross, GA. Southern rough, timber and gallberry. High rates of spread with torching and spotting.

**Knee Knocker Swamp**, Georgia Forestry Commission. Previously reported. Two miles northwest of Nahunta, GA. Southern rough. Long range spotting and 50 foot flame lengths. Numerous residences threatened.

**Topsail Tower**, North Carolina DOF. Five miles north of Hampstead, NC. Brush. Long range spotting and crown fire. Residences evacuated.

**Friar**, George Washington & Jefferson NF. Five miles north of Amherst, VA. Hardwood litter. Minimal fire activity

**Burns Lake**, Big Cypress National Preserve. Eight miles east of Ochopee, FL. Southern rough. No new information.

**Two Sided**, Eglin Air Force Base. Two miles south of Holt, FL. Southern rough. No new information.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Sweat Farm Road	GA	GAS	46,500	50	4/30	464	0	110	2	23	3.2M	PRI
* Pinnacle	NC	NCF	300	0	5/5	111	3	2	1	0	90K	FS
Big Turnaround Complex	GA	OKR	14,746	40	UNK	238	1	28	3	0	1M	FWS
Knee Knocker Swamp	GA	GAS	1,600	30	UNK	1	0	0	0	3	270K	ST
* Topsail Tower	NC	NCS	225	66	UNK	72	0	14	1	0	30K	ST
Friar	VA	VAF	1,150	20	4/29	99	3	6	1	0	85K	FS
Burns Lake	FL	BCP	1,250	80	4/29	11	0	4	1	0	NR	NPS
Two Sided	FL	EAQ	421	90	UNK	6	0	2	0	0	NR	DDQ
Potato Hill – WFU	AR	OUF	3,514	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	45K	FS
New Berry	NC	NCF	125	100	---	9	0	1	0	0	21K	FS

OUF – Ouachita NF

**Eastern Area (PL 2)**

New fires: 54  
 New large fires: 1  
 Uncontained large fires: 1

**Star**, Minnesota DNR. Twelve miles South of Grygia, MN. Timber understory. No further information.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* Star	MN	MNS	1,000	80	UNK	10	0	5	0	0	2K	ST

**Predictive Services Discussion:** A weakening front will bring a few showers to the Georgia coast and much of Florida. However, drier air will begin to spread into the rest of Georgia and the Florida panhandle today and across the entire region over the weekend. Rain today in the Eastern Area will diminish Saturday with dry weather returning Sunday. The Southwest will be hot and dry, while Southern California will see very warm weather, low humidity and gusty winds today and Saturday.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

## HELICOPTER PERFORMANCE AND EFFECTIVENESS

Certain helicopter missions push the limits of the aircraft's performance capabilities. Items that reduce the effectiveness and increase the risk of the mission include weight, temperature, altitude, and visibility.

- Helicopter missions that transport external loads increase risk.
- Helicopters reach their maximum performance capabilities as temperature and/or altitude increase.
- All helicopters have different maximum performance capabilities, so be aware of the capabilities of the specific helicopter that you are working with.
- Low-level helicopter operations often occur in heavy smoke where hazards (e.g., trees, snags, antennas, visibility, turbulence, and other aircraft) increase the risk level significantly.
- Determine the risk level for every mission. Is the risk level acceptable? Can the risk be mitigated? If the risk is not acceptable or it cannot be mitigated, then the mission should not be flown.
- A large part of the success of a helicopter mission is the result of good communications between the pilot and the user on the ground.
- Accurate target and hazard descriptions are essential to a safe mission. Locate this information and relay it to the pilot. Things to consider in the target description include:
  - Have you considered what the target would look like from the air?
  - Are you located where the pilot can see you?
  - Do you have a signal mirror?
  - Are you using cardinal directions or clock directions in relation to the track of the aircraft?
  - What is the wind direction? Provide this information to the pilot.
  - Are all firefighters clear of the drop area?
  - Is there a safer way to carry out an effective suppression action?

### Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES		1				7	8
	ACRES		0				2	2
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES		1			1	1	3
	ACRES		1			0	0	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	20				1		21
	ACRES	17				3		20
Eastern Area	FIRES					54		54
	ACRES					1,247		1,247
Southern Area	FIRES					52	1	53
	ACRES					541	300	841
TOTAL	FIRES	20	2	0	0	109	9	140
	ACRES	17	1	0	0	1,791	302	2,111

### Fires and Acres Year to Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					4		4
Northwest	FIRES	24	8			11	19	62
	ACRES	229	16			6	45	296
Northern California	FIRES		1		5	8	42	56
	ACRES		149		1	2,404	159	2,713
Southern California	FIRES		4	2	2	19	80	107
	ACRES		901	1	1,990	240	196	3,328
Northern Rockies	FIRES	250	1	7		49	11	318
	ACRES	1,848	0	33		2,686	3	4,570
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	18			29	1	50
	ACRES	9	458			1,095	0	1,562
Western Great Basin	FIRES		25	1		23	8	57
	ACRES		2,550	38		572	275	3,435
Southwest	FIRES	117	35	4	19	259	87	521
	ACRES	400	728	302	583	22,553	2,474	27,040
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	134	3	5		70	11	223
	ACRES	605	1	257		6,645	31	7,539
Eastern Area	FIRES	180		15	11	2,796	197	3,199
	ACRES	5,682		817	431	38,417	5,566	50,913
Southern Area	FIRES	240		69	15	18,658	491	19,473
	ACRES	13,085		12,897	3,666	315,257	29,126	374,031
TOTAL	FIRES	947	95	103	52	21,928	947	24,072
	ACRES	21,858	4,803	14,345	6,671	389,879	37,875	475,431

<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>	<b>46,124</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>	<b>749,698</b>

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### Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	0	0	2			7	9
	ACRES	80	100	57			165	402
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						8	8
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1	6			1	8
	ACRES		200	1,259			764	2,223
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						600	600
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		15					15
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0	1		1		2
	ACRES		61	268		18		347
Eastern Area	FIRES					9	1	10
	ACRES					1,492	70	1,562
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						2,404	2,404
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	9	0	10	13	34
	ACRES	80	376	1,584	0	1,510	4,011	7,561

**Prescribed Fires and Acres Year to Date**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	16	42	11	3		89	161
	ACRES	3,951	5,885	4,239	98		6,601	20,774
Northern California	FIRES		3	3	6		149	161
	ACRES		173	16,730	12		5,849	22,764
Southern California	FIRES		4		2		84	90
	ACRES		180		29		8,567	8,776
Northern Rockies	FIRES		10	14	6	2	41	73
	ACRES		1,000	4,541	454	55	3,661	9,711
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	16	6	2	11	31	69
	ACRES	162	1,573	802	27	1,009	7,382	10,955
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4	3			1	8
	ACRES		184	1,410			16	1,610
Southwest	FIRES	24	46	10	11		127	218
	ACRES	1,747	9,692	2,824	155		14,561	28,979
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	27	34	29	9	21	97	217
	ACRES	2,724	6,010	9,180	3,539	3,037	29,295	53,785
Eastern Area	FIRES	34		118	26	655	101	934
	ACRES	15,573		25,810	3,864	42,595	32,765	120,607
Southern Area	FIRES	20		154	49	203	821	1,247
	ACRES	18,108		53,374	36,131	93,057	803,338	1,004,008
TOTAL	FIRES	124	159	348	114	892	1,541	3,178
	ACRES	42,265	24,697	118,910	44,309	139,753	912,035	1,281,969

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### WFU Fires and Acres Year to Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						4	4
Northern Rockies	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				1			1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						3,514	3,514
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	1	0	3,518	3,519

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR to DATE	HECTARES YEAR to DATE
British Columbia	56	412	56	412
Yukon Territory	1	0	1	0
Alberta	53	134	53	134
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0
Saskatchewan	10	72	10	72
Manitoba	12	79	12	79
Ontario	74	101	74	101
Quebec	23	27	23	27
Newfoundland	1	2	1	2
New Brunswick	32	21	32	21
Nova Scotia	63	112	63	112
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	3	0	3	0
Total	328	960	328	960

\*\*\* CIFFC report currently updated weekly.\*\*\*

**Resources Status: Committed Resources**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest			3						30	
Northern California										
Southern California							2			
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest				4						30
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area			1	5					2	
Southern Area	4	3	28	135	2	7	4		212	274
Total	4	3	32	144	2	7	6	0	244	304

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